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SUBJ: LAWS GOVERNING FIREARM IMPORTATION

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1. HONG KONG , AS A RESULT OF ITS CONNECTION WITH GREAT BRITIAN, HAS VERY STRICT LAWS REGARDING IMPORTS AND SALES OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION. NO ONE IS PERMITTED TO CARRY OR HAVE IN HIS POSSESSION OR UNDER HIS CONTROL ANY ARMS OR AMMUNITION EXCEPT UNDER A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE. THERE ARE A FEW LIMITED EXEMPTIONS TO THIS REGULATION SUCH AS ARMS IN THE POSSESSION OF THE GOVERNMENT, ETC.

2. NO ARMS MAY BE SOLD TO ANY PERSON UNLESS HE PRESENTS A VALID LICENSE. IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN ARMS OR AMMUNITION MUST HAVE AN ANNUAL LICENSE FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE AND MUST REGISTER THEIR NAME, PLACE OF BUSINESS AND THE LOCATION AT WHICH THEY STORES THE ARMS. EVERY IMPORTER OR DEALER IN AMMUNITION MUST KEEP A STOCK-BOOK IN WHICH THE PARTICULARS OF ALL STOCKS OR ARMS AND AMMUNITION IN HIS POSSESSION ARE ENTERED, AND MUST, ON OR BEFORE THE SIXTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, MAY, AUGUST, AND NOVEMBER OF EACH YEAR, FURNISH TO THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE A RETURN, SHOWING THE QUANTITY AND DESCRIPTION OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION REMAINING IN HIS POSSESSION AT THE CLOSE OF THE LAST DAY OF

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THE PRECEDING MONTH. IMPORTERS AND DEALERS MUST ALSO KEEP

A BOOK OF SALES, CONTAINING AN ACCOUNT OF ALL ARMS OR AMMUNITION SOLD OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF , THGETHER WITH A RECORD OF THE NAME, OCCUPATION, AND ADDRESS OF EVERY PURCHASER, THE PARTICULARS OF THE ARMS AND AMMUNITIONS SOLD, THE DATE OF THE SALE, AND THE NUMBER AND DATE OF THE LICENSE PRESENTED OR THE DATE OF THE EXPORT PERMIT, THE NAME OF THE VESSEL BY WHICH THE PURCHASER STATED THAT HE INTENDED TO EXPORT THE ARMS OR AMMUNITION, AND THE PORT DESTINATION SPECIFIED BY THE PURCHASER, IMPORTERS AND DEALERS ARE ALSO BOUND TO PRODUCE THEIR RECORDS FOR THE INSPECTION OF THE POLICE WHEN REQUESTED TO DO SO. NO ARMS OR AMMUNITION MAY BE IMPORTED INTO HONG KONG EXCEPT AT THE PORT OF VICTORIA.

3. IN ANSWER TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF REFTEL: THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT REQUIRES IMPORT LICENSES FOR FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION. SUCH LICENSES ARE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY. THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN A LICENSE ARE NOT SPECIFICALLY LISTED OTHER THAN THE FACT THAT THE IMPORTER MUST HAVE A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO IMPORT ARMS.
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